

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the following paragraphs:

[0001] The present application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. ~~patent application~~ Patent Application Ser-Serial No. 10/282,356 (filed Oct. 29, 2002) entitled "Instrumentation and Methods for use in Implanting an Artificial Intervertebral Disc now U.S. Pat. No. 7,169,182 ("the '182 patent")" ~~—"the '356 application"~~ and a continuation continuation-in-part application of U.S. ~~patent application~~ Patent Application Ser-Serial No. 10/309,585 (filed Dec. 4, 2002) entitled "Static Trials and Related Instruments and Methods for use in Implanting an Artificial Intervertebral Disc", now U.S. Pat. No. 7,115,132 ("the '132 patent") ~~—"the '585 application"~~ and a ~~continuation~~ continuation-in-part application of U.S. ~~patent application~~ Patent Application Ser-Serial No. 10/425,267 (filed Apr. 29, 2003) entitled "Wedge Plate Inserter/Impactor and Related Methods for use in Implanting an Artificial Intervertebral Disc" ~~—"the '267 application"~~, now U.S. Pat. No. 7,235,081 ("the '081 patent"). Both the '132 patent (detailed above) and the '081 patent (detailed above) are continuation-in-part applications of the '182 patent (detailed above). The '182 patent (detailed above) ~~'356 application~~ is and a continuation-in-part application of U.S. ~~patent application~~ Patent Application Ser-Serial No. 10/256,160 (filed Sep. 26, 2002) entitled "Artificial Intervertebral Disc Having Limited Rotation Using a Captured Ball and Socket Joint With a Solid Ball and Compression Locking Post", now U.S. Pat. No. 6,989,032 ("the '032 patent"), which is a ~~parent application of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/642,528 (filed Aug. 15, 2003) entitled "Axially Compressible Artificial Intervertebral Disc Having Limited Rotation Using a Captured Ball and Socket Joint With a Solid Ball and Compression Locking Post"~~ "the '528 application" and which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. ~~patent~~

~~application~~Patent Application Ser-Serial No. 10/175,417 (filed Jun. 19, 2002) entitled "Artificial Intervertebral Disc Utilizing a Ball Joint Coupling", ("the '417 application"), which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. ~~patent application~~Patent Application Serial- No. 10/151,280 (filed May 20, 2002) entitled "Tension Bearing Artificial Disc Providing a Centroid of Motion Centrally Located Within an Intervertebral Space" ("the '280 application"), which is a continuation-in-part application of both U.S. ~~patent application~~Patent Application Ser-Serial No. 09/970,479 (filed Oct. 4, 2001) entitled "Intervertebral Spacer Device Utilizing a Spirally Slotted Belleville Washer Having Radially Extending Grooves", now U.S. Pat. No. 6,669,730 ("the '730 patent") as well as U.S. ~~patent application~~Patent Application Ser-Serial No. 10/140,153 (filed May 7, 2002) entitled "Artificial Intervertebral Disc Having a Flexible Wire Mesh Vertebral Body Contact Element", now abandoned, the former being a continuation-in-part application of U.S. ~~patent application~~Patent Application Ser-Serial No. 09/968,046 (filed Oct. 1, 2001) entitled "Intervertebral Spacer Device Utilizing a Belleville Washer Having Radially Extending Grooves", now abandoned and the latter being a continuation-in-part application of both the '730 patent (detailed above) as well as U.S. ~~patent application~~Patent Application Ser-Serial No. 10/128,619 (filed Apr. 23, 2002) entitled "Intervertebral Spacer Having a Flexible Wire Mesh Vertebral Body Contact Element" now U.S. Pat. No. 6,863,689 ("the '689 patent"), which is a continuation-in-part application of both U.S. ~~patent application~~Patent Application Ser-Serial No. 09/906,119 (filed Jul. 16, 2001) and entitled "Trial Intervertebral Distraction Spacers", now U.S. Pat. No. 6,607,559 (the '559 patent") as well as U.S. ~~patent application~~Patent Application Ser-Serial No. 09/982,148 (filed Oct. 18, 2001) and entitled "Intervertebral Spacer Device Having Arch Shaped Spring Elements", now U.S. Pat. No. 6,673,113 ("the '113 patent"). All of the above mentioned applications are hereby incorporated by reference herein in their respective entireties.